

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

PS – PR&RD Department, - Irregularities in award of price adjustment on material/pipes procured etc., in RWS (Projects) at Poduru and other habitations in West Godavari District – Disciplinary proceedings against Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram, under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 60**

**Dated.22.01.2015**

Read the following:

- 1.From the GA (V&E) Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/10), Dt.01.04.2014.
- 2.From the GA (V&E) Appraisal Report No.17(225/V&E/E2/11), Dt.26.07.2014.

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**ORDER:**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure II and III).
3. Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram, is directed to submit a Written statement of her defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.
4. Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
5. Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram, is further informed that if he does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex parte.

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6. Attention of Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matter pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledgment.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt. M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, West Godavari District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Quality Control & Vigilance Sub-Division, Bhimavaram through Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Hyderabad.

The Engineer in Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Hyderabad. (with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Government,)

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## **ANNEXURE - I**

### **STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT M.VENKATA LAKSHMI, THE THEN PA TO SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION CIRCLE, ELURU (FROM 14.12.2007 TO 08.03.2010) AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ, QUALITY CONTROL&VIGILANCE SUB-DIVISION, BHIMAVARAM.**

#### **CHARGE1:**

That Smt M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru has failed to follow prescribed procedure laid down for calculation of price escalation and violated agreement conditions and also relevant Circulars/ Government Orders due to which an amount of Rs. Rs.58,00,262/- loss to the Government Exchequer.

#### **BASIS:**

As per the General Administration(V&E) Department Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014, Smt M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, has failed to follow the prescribed procedure laid down for calculation of price escalation for the raw materials used in HDPE pipes and BWSC pipes, considering the material rate one month prior to QC inspection date instead of one month prior to QC offered date communicated by the Executive Agency is in blatant violation of the specified Agreement clause (4.6). Further the V&E authorities informed that during their enquiry the said Assistant Executive Engineer has submitted QC offer letter of Executive Agency dt.8.9.2007 for 400mm dia BWSC Pipes wherein the QC offered quantity was 1560.00 RMT and in the connected QC Inspection certificatedt.18.9.2007 the exhibited quantity was mentioned as 1924.00Rmt and cleared quantity was 972.40Rmt. The QC offer letter of Executive Agency dt.8.9.2007 submitted by the Assistant Executive Engineer to the Vigilance & Enforcement authorities for quantity of 972.400 Rmt towards QC Inspection Certificate dt.5.10.2007 wherein the cleared quantity was mentioned as 1803.60 Rmt is observed to be not correct and relevant, as it was prior to the QC offer letter dt.8.9.2007 already submitted by the agency for QC Inspection and the same was inspected vide QC Inspection Dt.18.9.2007.The said Assistant Executive Engineer has relied on the oral information obtained over phone which is against the norms. She also failed to obtain prevailing rates of raw materials for the respective months with respect to dates of QC offer letters and recommended the following payments to the Executing agency, due to which an amount of Rs.58,00,262/- loss to the Government Exchequer.

BWSC Pipes -----Rs.57,17,958/-

**(Rs.52,73,056/- for difference  
between the estimated rate and  
price variation rate +  
Rs.4,44,902/- for price reduction  
to be actually effected as per  
invoice rate)**

HDPE Pipes -----Rs. 82,304/-

Total -----Rs.58,00,262/-

From this it is evident that he has shown Gross Negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

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**CHARGE2:-**

That Smt M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru has failed to maintained the basic records for arriving price variation and failed to furnish the documents. Thus he discharged his legitimate duties with gross negligence.

**BASIS:**

As per the General Administration(V&E) Department Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014, Smt M.Venkata Lakshmi, the then PA to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Eluru, has failed to furnish the following documents.

- a) Evidence letter to the non availability of stock of 7610 Rmt of 160mm dia HDPE pipes with manufacturer as on 08.07.2007.
- b) Correspondence letters with the executing agency regarding to the non availability of stock of 7610 Rmt of 160mm dia HDPE pipes with manufacturer as on 08.07.2007.
- c) QC offer letter for 7596 Rmt of 160mm dia HDPE pipes on 03.09.2007.
- d) QC offer letters for BWSC 400mm dia pipes for lengths of 972.4RM & 1803.6 RM(Lengths of BWSC finished pipes as per invoices are not tallying with reference to Quality Control cleared lengths). Being the PA to Superintending Engineer her duty is to maintain the record and furnish whenever asked by the authorities. But the said Assistant Executive Engineer has failed furnish the documents to Vigilance & Enforcement authorities.

From this it is evident that he has shown Gross Negligence towards her Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**ANNEXURE - II**

**LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE CHARGES FRAMED  
AGAINST SMT M.VENKATA LAKSHMI, THE THEN PA TO  
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION  
CIRCLE, ELURU (FROM 14.12.2007 TO 08.03.2010) AND PRESENTLY  
WORKING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ,  
QUALITY CONTROL&VIGILANCE SUB-DIVISION, BHIMAVARAM.**

Govt Memo.No.7905/Vig.I/2014-3, dt.19.07.2014 of PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept along with Appraisal Report No.70(498/V&E/E2/2010)-(ELURU), dt.1.4.2014 of General Administration(V&E) Department.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY  
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**ANNEXURE - III**

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE  
FRAMED AGAINST SMT M.VENKATA LAKSHMI, THE THEN PA TO  
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION  
CIRCLE, ELURU (FROM 14.12.2007 TO 08.03.2010) AND PRESENTLY  
WORKING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ,  
QUALITY CONTROL&VIGILANCE SUB-DIVISION, BHIMAVARAM.**

- NIL -

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